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COMER et al.

Patent No.: 5,845,300

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
SUGGESTING COMPLETIONS FOR A  
PARTIALLY ENTERED DATA ITEM BASED  
ON PREVIOUSLY-ENTERED, ASSOCIATED  
DATA ITEMS

Examiner:

Art Unit:

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Reissue  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant/Patent Owner: ROSS WARD COMER ET AL.

Application No./Patent No.: 5,845,300 Filed/Issue Date: December 1, 1998

Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUGGESTING COMPLETIONS FOR A PARTIALLY  
ENTERED DATA ITEM BASED ON PREVIOUSLY-ENTERED, ASSOCIATED DATA ITEMS

Microsoft Corporation, a corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.  
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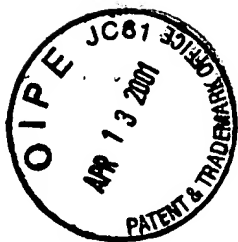
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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Date

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Assistant Secretary  
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REISSUE APPLICATION: CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

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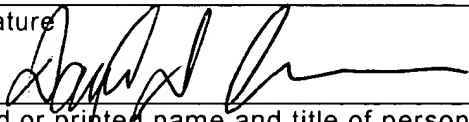
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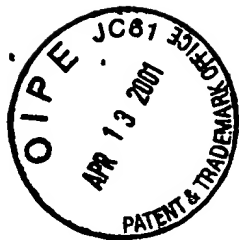
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ROSS WARD COMER; ADAM BRETT STEIN; DAVID RUSSELL WILLIAMS, JR.	
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Filed herein is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

The written consent of all assignees and inventors owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.

The assignee(s) owning an undivided interest in said original patent is Microsoft Corporation  
and the assignee(s) consents to the accompanying application for reissue.

Name of Assignee:		
MICROSOFT CORPORATION		
Signature 	Title Assistant Secretary	Date 2/21/01
Typed or printed name and title of person signing for assignee (if assigned)		
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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTORS

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,845,300, granted December 1, 1998, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUGGESTING COMPLETIONS FOR A PARTIALLY ENTERED DATA ITEM BASED ON PREVIOUSLY-ENTERED, ASSOCIATED DATA ITEMS," the specification of which



is attached hereto.



was filed on December 1, 2000, as reissue application number          /           
and was amended on                                   
(if applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.



I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

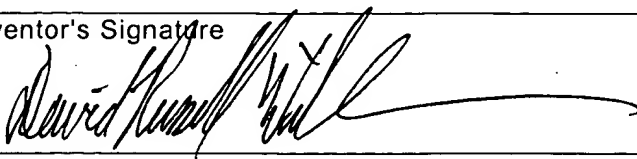
I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

- ☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.
- ☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.
- ☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

Originally filed claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,845,300 was rejected by prior art teaching a search region defined by an entire database. The prosecuting attorney, in amending claim 1, restricted the search region to "a table of contiguous data-containing cells encompassing said active cell and bordered by empty cells." This limitation is overly narrow and should be broadened to less restrictive search regions disclosed in the patent specification.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.	
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My residence and mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I am authorized to act on behalf of the following assignee: Microsoft Corporation and the title  
of my position with said assignee is: Assistant Secretary.

The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said assignee.

Name of Patentee(s): ROSS WARD COMER, ADAM BRETT STEIN and DAVID RUSSELL WILLIAMS, JR.	
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I believe said patentee(s) to be the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUGGESTING COMPLETIONS FOR A PARTIALLY ENTERED DATA ITEM BASED ON PREVIOUSLY- ENTERED, ASSOCIATED DATA ITEMS" in the specification of which

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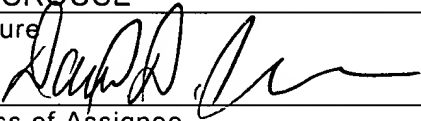
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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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